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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- Response/Amendment       Petition to extend time to respond  
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X 50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X 200	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						
EXTENSION FEE	1 <sup>ST</sup> MONTH 120.00	2 <sup>ND</sup> MONTH 450.00	3 <sup>RD</sup> MONTH 1020.00	4 <sup>TH</sup> MONTH 1590.00	OTHER FEES	\$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						

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Respectfully submitted,

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<b>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT</b>	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	10021090-1 2224
Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington VA 22313-1450	First Named Inventor	Phillip W. Barth
	Application Number	10/693,064
	Filing Date	October 23, 2003
	Group Art Unit	2823
	Examiner Name	Trung O Dang
	Title	Apparatus and Method for Making a Low Capacitance Artificial Nanopore

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the office communication dated January 11, 2005.

In the above referenced office communication, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement, requiring the election of the claims of either:

Group I, i.e., Claims 1-26; or

Group II, i.e., Claims 27-34;

for further prosecution in this application.

The Applicants hereby elect Group I with traverse.

The Applicants also respectfully urge the Examiner to rejoin the claims of Group II with the elected claims of Group I for examination in this application for the following reasons.

The MPEP allows an Examiner to examine otherwise patentably distinct sets of claims if to do so would not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. M.P.E.P. § 8.03 states that:

**If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.**

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In the present case, the claims of Group II include elements found in the claims of Group I. As such, the search for the claims of Group I will find relevant prior art relating to the claims of Group II.

Accordingly, little, if any, additional searching should be required for the claims of Group II, and therefore the examination of the claims of Group II together with the claims of elected Group I should impose little, if any, additional burden on the Examiner.

As such, examining the claims of Group II and the claims of elected Group I together in the present application clearly does not impose an undue or serious burden on the Examiner. In the absence of such an undue or serious burden, the Examiner is clearly instructed by the MPEP to examine the entire application. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to rejoin the claims of Group II with the claims of elected Group I and to examine all the claims together in the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: February 10, 2005

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